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Seeks Haunted House

Sydney, Feb. 9.—George Wakeman, Melbourne advertising executive who intends living in Sydney, is advertising for a haunted house.

He said that he had found it so difficult to obtain a house of any sort that he had decided to advertise for a haunted house which the present occupiers might be only too glad to let to him.

As for the ghosts Mr. Wakeman is not worried. "I'm easy, provided it is a decent house and the ghosts have reasonable habits," he said. (Reuter)

Drillers Strike Water, Not Oil

Karachi, Feb. 9.—Oil drillers who had struck hot water today decided to abandon the \$1,000,000 test well at Ladhra in the South Desert, the depths of which are 1,000 ft.

The drillers, who are about 100 ft. from the depth of the well, announced that they had struck water, not oil.

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French Strike

Paris, Feb. 9.—About 200,000 French automobile workers in Paris and other cities today went on strike.

The strike was called by the Renault workers' union, and it was the first time since 1948 that Renault workers have struck.

EDITORIAL

A Wise Agreement

THE agreement reached between the management and the workers for the resumption of the tram services ranks, with the decision of the Dairy Farm employees to submit their case to arbitration, as the genuinely bright spots of the industrial disputes which have been plaguing Hongkong during the last two months. Some may see in the "Trammies" so-called climb down an admission of defeat; actually it is a practical demonstration of their willingness, in the long run, to heed reasonable and beneficial advice. If there has been a defeat it has been suffered by the extremists whose voices have been silenced by the workers' conviction that moderation and sweet reasonableness will do more in their interests than an uncompromising attitude and vociferously-expressed slogans. The tram strikers have intimated that in returning to work under the six-point agreement made with the management they are motivated by feelings for the public interest. The sentiment will be appreciated and the public will derive the satisfaction of once again being able to travel to and from work with only the ordinary inconveniences brought about by over-population. It is not unfair, however, to suggest that the tram workers have also been influenced in their latest decision by economics. In Hongkong, this is about the worst time of the year for the Chinese labourers, artisans and technicians to be out of employment. They have special commitments connected with the New Year festival, and from their point of view nothing could be more unpropitious to start a fresh lunar calendar under such a cloud as unemployment. In coming to terms with the management, therefore, the "Trammies" have realistically mixed commonsense with public spiritedness—both commendable virtues. Nor have they sacrificed to

expedience their fundamental claims against the company. But their present action does, once again, put their dispute with the management on a level which permits of proper discussion. The tram workers have made two important concessions: the first, that they are willing to await the outcome of the Dairy Farm arbitration so far as the demand for \$3 a day HCL is concerned; the second, that they do not insist upon pay during the suspension of the tram service, but are willing to appeal for this through legal channels if they so think fit. But for willing agreement to these two conditions there could be no lifting of the lock-out, and it is an important point in favour of the workers that the majority finally decided to agree to these terms. It has to be admitted, however, that the tram workers have consented only to a truce, and that their principal demand for increased HCL will either have to be discussed and settled upon through round-table conferences or by the workers' acceptance of whatever decision is handed down in the Dairy Farm arbitration. Nevertheless, the workers should have realised by now that brow-beating and intimidation cannot win for them their aims. The bargaining table at which both sides can present and understand each other's problems remains the best medium for settling disputes concerning working conditions. It is a medium which has for its first requirement mutual goodwill and sincerity. Without these neither the simple system of round-table bargaining, nor a more complicated machinery for settling disputes, can succeed. The six-point agreement under which the tram workers return is evidence that there is goodwill on both sides, and this, more than anything else, augurs well for the eventual settlement of the dispute in an amicable and satisfactory way.

BEVIN'S PREDICTION

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, predicted today that the Labour Party would win the general election in 1950.

He made this prediction in a speech to the House of Commons, and he said that he believed the Labour Party would win because they had a better plan for the future of the country.

INTO ACTION

London, Feb. 9.—With four more days to complete nomination, the Labour Party is expected to announce its election platform.

The party is expected to announce its platform by the end of the week, and it is expected that it will be a platform of economic and social reform.

Closely following their Election manifesto, all parties are vying with each other to flood the prospective voters with more brochures and pamphlets.

The gunners of both the Government Party, led by Mr. Winston Churchill, and the Labour Party, with Mr. Clement Attlee, Mr. Ernest Bevin and Mr. Aneurin Bevan at its head, have started their leaflet Election barrages, addressing as many as five or six meetings in a night at different places.

But so far there has been a marked absence of excitement among the public and the bulk of the constituents. This is largely due to the guarded restraint of the Conservative Party in making promises for the future which they fear they will not be able to implement.

While the Labour Party leaders have been content to dilate on their record of the past five years, stressing such obvious points as full employment, the policy of equalisation of class differences and ensuring fair shares for all in the matter of daily needs, the National Health Service and the "National Service" approach, the Conservative approach is mainly negative, "debunking" this record.—Reuter

Truculent's Commander Reprimanded

Chatham, Feb. 9.—A British Naval court martial tonight convicted Lieutenant Charles P. Bowers, 28, of negligently endangering his submarine, the Truculent, which collided with a Swedish ship and sank. Sixty-four lost their lives.

But the court martial acquitted Lieutenant Bowers on the more serious charge of the two he faced—that of negligently or by default losing his ship.

Lieutenant Bowers was sentenced to be severely reprimanded. —Associated Press.

More Aid For Korea And Formosa Approved

Washington, Feb. 9.—The United States House of Representatives today passed a double-barrelled bill to give financial aid to South Korea and Formosa to strengthen their against Communist pressure in Asia.

The bill was approved by 239 votes to 134.

The bill called for the Far East Economic Assistance Programme, and it was approved by a vote of 239 to 134.

WINS SUPPORT

The Administration has been reported as favouring a \$28,000,000 economic aid programme to Formosa.

Inclusion of Formosa in the bill won support from some leading Republicans, who had earlier voted against aid to Korea alone.

With all existing Far East economic aid expiring next Wednesday, the House, by its action today, did the following things:

(1) Authorised the Economic Co-operation Administration to spend \$50,000,000 more by June 30 on raw material imports and capital improvements in Korea. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorised to advance money to get the programme rolling.

(2) Extended the life of the China Aid Act to June 30. Congressmen, both Democrats and Republicans, who supported the Aid Bill maintained that the United States could not afford to abandon either Korea or Formosa if America was to retain prestige in the Orient.

But some opponents considered the aid programme would be a waste of American taxpayers' money.—Reuter.

Ingrid Granted Her Divorce

Juarez, Mexico, Feb. 9.—A Mexican divorce was granted to Miss Ingrid Bergman today clearing the way for the movie star to marry director Roberto Rossellini, father of her newborn baby.—United Press.

Hollywood, Feb. 9.—Film actress Gloria De Haven, 24, today received a divorce from actor John Payne after several separations and reconciliations. She said their married life was composed mostly of "working all day and arguing all night."—United Press.

Full Tram Service Back In Operation

PLEASURE EXPRESSED OVER END OF DISPUTE

Tracks In Good Condition

After 44 days' suspension of service, due to the withdrawal of the trams following the go-slow and non-collection of fares tactics by the motormen and conductors, trams resumed their run on all routes this morning with a normal service operating.

The return of the trams was hailed by members of the public who have been greatly inconvenienced by the non-operation of an essential transport service. As a result, buses this morning were less congested and most office workers managed to reach their offices at their usual hour or even slightly earlier.

Trams, though the city was in good condition, were not in good condition. The Company had put between 90 and 100 trams on the road this morning.

This was practically the normal number and the remaining trams in the Depot would be put on the run after certain maintenance had been carried out.

Asked why trams appeared to be running slower than usual, the General Manager replied that it was not due to the any fault on the part of the motormen, but purely because of the terrible congestion of traffic on the roads as many concerns had put extra vehicles out to take their employees to work.

Mr. Johnston also said that motormen tickets would also be available as from today at the usual price of \$18.

NO ILL-FEELING

Mr. Johnston said that throughout the dispute, relations between the workers and the management had been pleasant and there had been no ill-feeling between them during negotiations. They had disagreed over the demands made by the employees, but no hostility had been displayed by the men to their employers.

"If we are everything is now over, and we are all happy," he said.

Out of a total of 1,200 employees, who had been locked out as a result of the suspension of the service, only 140 had failed to report for duty up to 5 p.m. yesterday, Mr. Johnston said. He believed, though, that a number of men had probably gone to their homes in the country during the period they had remained idle and were unaware that the dispute had been settled. When the news did reach them it was possible that they would return. It was the management's intention, he emphasised, to give these men a reasonable time within which to report for duty, but if they did not do so after that, they would be considered as having left their employment, and new personnel would be engaged.

An inspection of the tracks and overhead wiring revealed

Barriades and the Police guard outside the Union premises were removed at midnight last night.

The Police have evacuated the premises of the Tramway Workers' Union at Russell Street, and this was formally handed back to the Union this morning, when a flag-raising ceremony was also held, and a distribution of "victory sweets" to the workers took place.

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Calcutta, Feb. 9.—Two people were killed and 40 were injured when police fired to disperse looters after several scattered fires had broken out here tonight.

Fearing communal disorders, the West Bengal Government earlier today imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew, and banned all public meetings and the carrying of lethal weapons.

The West Bengal Premier, Mr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, told the State Legislature that a large number of "prospective trouble-makers" had been arrested in the past few days and that all steps were being taken to bring offenders to book.

Newspapers had been asked to submit new items on communal incidents for censorship "at least for the next few days." No reports of any disturbances had so far been received though one person was killed and two were injured in Calcutta that night.

Communist-led demonstrations had recently been held in the suburbs.—Reuter.

Abnormal Hongkong Weather

Observatory Explains

The exceptionally warm weather being experienced at present is due to warm south-west winds from the tropical Pacific region, said an official of the Royal Observatory this morning.

The temperature recording at 9 o'clock this morning was 72 degrees Fahrenheit, he said, which was practically 22 degrees higher than at this time last week.

Unless pressure over China increased and winds changed from the south-west to the north-west, it was likely that the warm and humid spell would continue.

STILL DEVELOPING

The change from cold to the present weather conditions began last Monday, he said, when pressure over Central China became lower, and a series of depressions developed from South-west China to the mouth of the Yangtze. At the same time pressure was increasing from the Yangtze over the Pacific, and the warm south and south-west winds from the Pacific had caused the warm spell.

A series of depressions were still developing and moving north-east from South-west China towards Japan. At the same time there is an upper air flow from the south-west tropical regions. No change is expected unless winds change to a northerly direction.

Liqueurs

by

ERVEN LUCAS

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Kummel
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Peach Brandy

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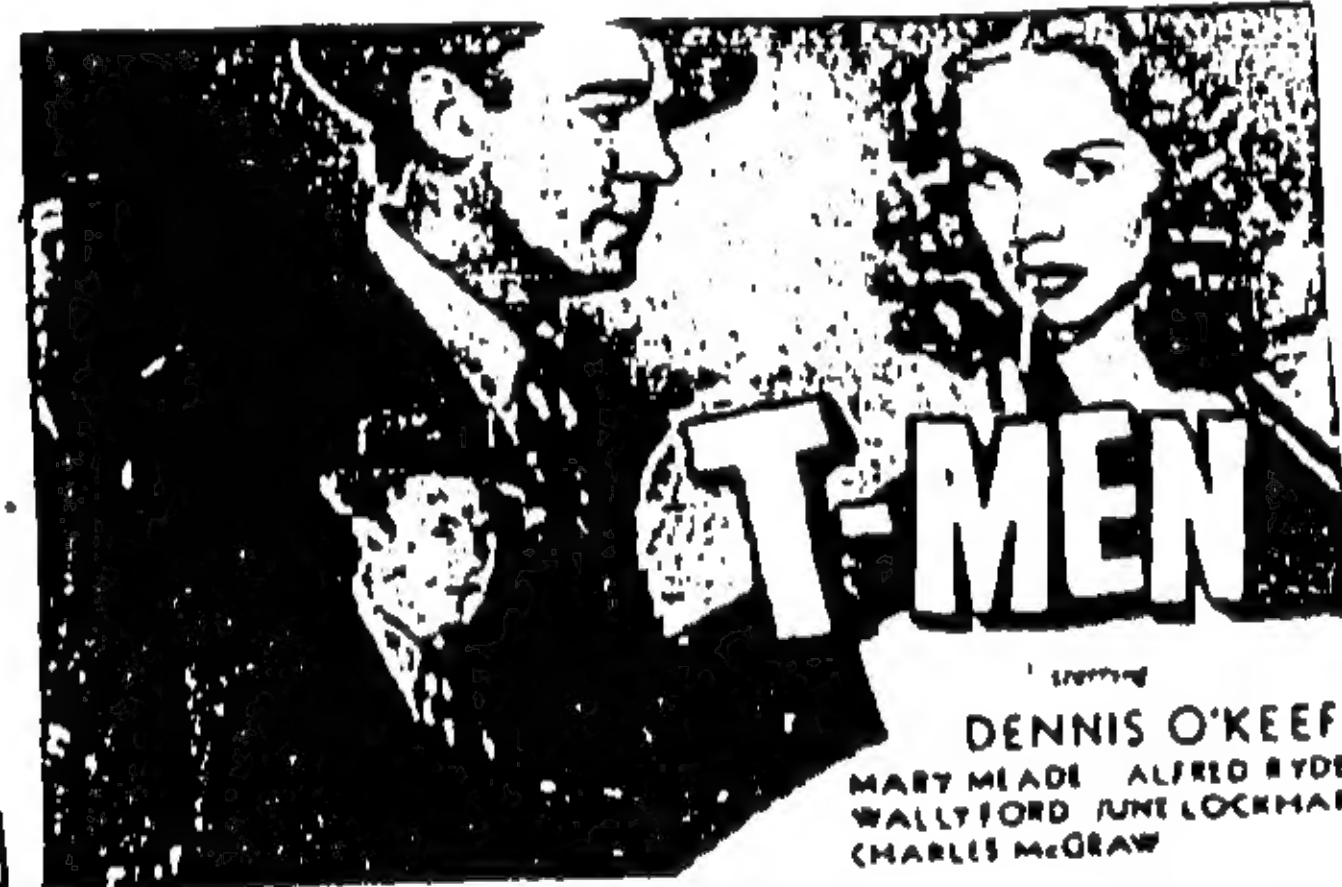
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BASIL SYDNEY

WOMANSENSEFashion-wise it was the season's keenest....
Woman Versus Woman ContestSMILING down the stairs
at London's Covent
Garden Opera House comes
Mrs Claude Matill, wife of
one of the Top Ten de-
signers.The occasion was the mam-
moth supper party for overseas
dress buyers—fashion-wise the
most competitive woman-
against-woman show of the
year. Three of the designers
dressed their wives, two
brought mannequins, one sent
a sister and one brought a
sister-in-law.**What should be worn?**What sort of clothes does a
top designer choose for an un-
dressed, dressy female like this?
Claude Matill's sister was in a
plaid, black velvet dress with
a single red rose. Mrs. Matill
wore a white tulle dress with two
sleeves made of tulle, de-
corating the back.Mrs. Matill's sister dressed her
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Seen here is Mrs. Claude Matill, at London's Covent Garden Opera House.

Aid For An Allergic Nasal Complaint

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

ALLERGIC rhinitis is a common condition which is characterized by the inflammation of the nasal mucous membrane. The results of this inflammation are very noticeable. The most common symptoms are a runny nose, sneezing, and itching of the nose. These symptoms are usually accompanied by a feeling of congestion in the nasal cavity. The condition is often caused by an allergic reaction to certain substances in the environment, such as pollen, dust, or animal dander. It is important to identify the allergen and avoid it to prevent further symptoms.

The chief complaint of those with allergic rhinitis is a constant runny nose. This is caused by the overproduction of mucus by the nasal mucous membrane. The mucus is usually clear and watery. It may be accompanied by sneezing and itching of the nose. The condition is often worse in the morning and may be triggered by certain foods or environmental factors. It is important to consult a doctor if the symptoms persist, as they may be a sign of a more serious condition.

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Joan Crawford
Picks Most
'Exciting Men'HOLLYWOOD
When a girl like Joan Crawford will pick the nine most exciting men in Hollywood, that's news.

"But by 'exciting' I don't mean just the usual sense of the word," explains Joan. "To me it means much more — all the qualities that cause a man to stand apart from others and make him an arresting personality."

And now the list. Producer Jerry Wald—he is terrifically vital and enthusiastic; (2) William Haines—he is one of the most talented men in town and the most loyal friend I ever had; (3) Cary Grant—he has subtle appeal and sophistication but never makes a production of it; (4) Clark Gable—he presents the typical male to female challenge; (5) Adrian—women adore talking to him. He not only is a great designer but has a wide variety of interests; (6) Lew Wasserman—he has great executive ability and easy manner; (7) Cesar Romero—every woman will know why he is exciting. He is without a doubt the dream date; (8) Vincent Sherman—he is the type of man who makes a woman always want to keep her nose powdered; and look her best; (9) David Brann—he has ten times more charm and romance in person than he does on the screen.

By Harrison Carroll.

Tailored Perfection

By VERA WINSTON

ONE OF the nicest types of suit, perfect for either town wear under a coat or for resort wear, is this one, a tailored wonder fashioned of very fine French flannel. Done in pale gray, it is decked out with a stitched border on the neckline, collar and on the buttoned down patch pockets at the hips. It has a slim, straight skirt, slit at the sides. Worn with the suit is a bright pink scarf and a short-sleeved pink blouse.

Why Does A Child Hate School?

By G. C. MYERS, Ph.D.

WHEN a child hates school there must be a cause. Of her son, eleven, a mother writes:

"He hates school. There's hardly a day goes by when he does not say, 'I hate that dumb old school.' When he brings home work to do he just sits and dreams unless I keep right after him. He gets falling marks in spelling and arithmetic."

"He gets along well with the other boys. He can't seem to get along with his nine-year-old sister and is really mean to her but gets along with his baby sister."

"How can I get him interested in his school work? His teacher won't let him bring home any of his required work as she says he has plenty of time to do it at school."

Physical Trouble

"He has had a great deal of trouble with his ears, ever since he was a baby. Every winter he has a slice of earache. His hearing seems to be all right except right after one of these spells."

Here is about the way I answered this mother. Have that boy's ears checked at regular intervals by an ear specialist. At a financial sacrifice, employ a teacher to work with this lad away from school a few short periods each week. If you help him be sure to be very calm and patient. He can't learn when you shout at him, show the least bit of anger toward him or even have any.

A Good Pal

Have the sister in another room when you help this boy. Never compare him or brag of her good school work in his presence. The father should be a good pal of this lad.

Check to make sure the boy recognizes the letters of the alphabet. Show no surprise if he does not know some of them. Celebrate his successes. Give him more of them he will like to learn. As his school better.

Beauty Routine for the Lips

The correct lipstick technique is the proper end to any beauty routine for the lips. See that edges are clean-cut and unblurred.

By HELEN VOLLETT

FACIAL beauty depends to a certain degree on soft, strong, well kept and perfectly molded lips. Operators in beauty shops realize that fact well enough usually give a considerable part of the time of the facial treatment cultivating the mouth contour of the customer. These professionals re-assert that it is tension of modern times is likely to give the mouth a hard, drawn look. The treatment aims to relax the surrounding tissue, a condition that will tend to make the expression more pleasing.

The treatment ends with a lesson in lipstick technique, a subject upon which many women should be more enlightened.

Beauticians deplore the fact that some misguided ladies fancy they can remodel their lips, using the red pencil over the white surface. This system seldom works. But effective results may be obtained by using a heavier application where lips are thin, a lighter one where they are too full.

The rosy glow must not blur at the edges, but be clean-cut and precise. The inner surface of the mouth portals must be touched lightly as they are reached when one smiles, and to have one's lips both of the natural and artificial coloring will not create a pleasing effect. If the flesh is not smooth a white lipstick should be applied at the bed time beautifying session.

A special strengthening movement is given, by placing the first finger in the centre of the

**Let's Eat**

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Lots Of Greens In Your Diet

Down here in Richmond we eat lots of greens. The vegetable hogs. They are cut in squares. The man at this counter says they boil them with herbs and the mustard greens, and others like kale and collards. We boil them, then dip in beaten egg and cracker crumbs and fry like oysters."

Dinner
Chowder Crackers
Broiled Fish
(or fish of the locality)
Lemon Butter Sauce
Mashed Potato "Greens"
Chilled Soft Custard
Peanut Cookies
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine.

"That's 'crisses' she explained. Later I discovered that it's a kind of land-cress, pungent and especially good served with fish. Carefully arranged on a lower shelf I saw some big oval-shaped vegetables that resembled both pumpkin and squash, and although smaller, reminded me of the "bunnies" of California. "That's Cuban pumpkin—what we call pumpkin-squash here," the vegetable woman explained. "We like it boiled and mashed. Then we fry some onion in bacon grease put in the squash and cook it a few minutes."

A young coloured man was presiding over a herb counter. Whole plants had been dried, and were hanging in great bunches from an overhead rack, with strings of dried red peppers here and there.

Good Tongue Taste

"They give a good tongue taste," remarked the young man, handing me some sprigs of dried sage and thyme. "And this dried red pepper gives a good taste to shrimp, or to clam or oyster stew."

At that point the Chef literally "blew in." "Come Madame, and regard the curious foods I have discovered on the meat counter." He steered me through the crowd up to a glassed-in case. On top were some very dark-looking smoked meats.

"They are the smoked hog's jaws to cook with black-eyed peas, or to eat with hominy. And these packages are centre of each. Bake about 15 minutes. Eat into the first marked 'chitterlings.' They are mild, in a moderate oven."

Broiled Fish

Any small fish suited to broiling. Clean the fish; rub inside and out with the cut side of a lemon. Dust with salt and pepper. Place on an oiled pan and broil 3 in. from the heat about 12 min. Turn once. Arrange on a heated platter and serve with lemon-butter sauce.

Chilled Soft Custard

Scald 3 c. milk in a double boiler. Mix together 3 egg yolks, 2 tbsp. cornstarch, 1/4 c. sugar, and 1/4 tsp. salt. Pour a little of the scalded milk into this mixture. Then pour it back into the remaining milk and cook and stir until it boils. Flavour with 1/2 tsp. vanilla and cool. Just before serving fold in 2 egg whites which should be beaten stiff. Serve in sherbet or lemonade cups.

Peanut Cookies

Measure .6 tbsp. butter or margarine and 2 tbsp. peanut butter into a bowl, and stir until creamy. Gradually stir in 3/4 c. sugar and 2 egg yolks. When fluffy add 3 tbsp. milk and 1/4 tsp. vanilla. Measure 1/2 c. sifted flour, 1/2 c. sifted baking powder, and 1/4 tsp. salt. Beat into the first mixture. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a well-oiled pan, keeping the cookies 3 in. apart. Press a whole peanut meat into the centre of each. Bake about 15 minutes. Eat into the first marked 'chitterlings.' They are mild, in a moderate oven."

COMING ELECTION FIRST UNDER NEW REGULATIONS

By J. W. Taylor

The coming General Election will be the first to be fought under the new regulations of the Representation of the People Act of 1949. Among other things it has considerably widened the opportunities of voting by post. A person whose name is not entered in the electoral register is debarred from voting.

Now a register published on October 15 last will operate. It was prepared on the basis of the voter's residence on the previous June 10, so that a person who reached the voting age of twenty one since then cannot vote in this Election. Anyone who has moved since June 10 last from, say, Liverpool to Birmingham, would only be allowed to vote in respect of his Liverpool registration. In order to qualify as a voter on February 23 next, he must make application to vote by post, although he must, if he wishes, travel and vote in person in Liverpool.

Upon receipt of these postal applications a second list has been prepared. At the present day the electorate is composed of the persons who are registered in the first list, and the persons who have applied to vote by post. The second list is a list of the persons who are registered in the first list, and the persons who have applied to vote by post. The second list is a list of the persons who are registered in the first list, and the persons who have applied to vote by post.

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POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



Ernest Was Too Big For The Army

Twenty-five years old Ernest Evans of Liphed Green, Essex, is the man whom the Army didn't want although he volunteered did their best to accommodate him. He was much too big for them. He was a war hero and had been in the Army for four years. He was a very good soldier and had been in the Army for four years. He was a very good soldier and had been in the Army for four years.

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Train Gang Chloroforms Passengers

A gang operating on Italian trains chloroforms passengers before robbing them.

So far, the gang has not been traced.

Most recent victim of the gang is Giovanni Bragotto, a wealthy landowner, who was travelling from Bologna in the Rome Express.

A woman passenger was in the same compartment. A well-dressed man entered, asked if any seats were vacant, then went away.

Soon afterwards Bragotto and the woman fell asleep. They awoke near Rome with bad headaches and found that they had been robbed.

Nudes Are Classed With Statues

In the spring Parisians dress up their city in certain ways for the benefit of tourists. Hundreds of night clubs and cafes come to life. Along the boulevards, magazine stands blossom forth with hundreds of magazines, many depicting women in all kinds of poses.

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Craze For Molasses As Cure

A remarkable craze to take molasses as a cure for rheumatism has been sweeping the world for months past.

Yet nobody knows the origin of the idea and no medical authority can be found in support of it.

In South Africa Dr Nathan Fynn of Johannesburg has inquired everywhere in an effort to obtain support for the molasses theory.

A South African medical journal has published his report. He says news of this cure spread like wildfire and patients wanted his opinion. He found no mention of molasses as a rheumatic treatment in British, American, German and Hungarian literature.

Most authorities have agreed that sugar, which is the molasses base, should be refused in a rheumatoid victim's diet.

Leading Union authorities, including the director of the experimental station, know no reason why molasses should be dangerous. Neither do they know why it should be a cure.

Dr Fynn also obtained a statement by Doctor M. B. Ray, senior physician at Middlesex Hospital, denying any knowledge of the molasses treatment, as well as a similar one from Doctor J. Van Brien, secretary of the International League Against Rheumatism in Amsterdam.

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NEWS IN PICTURES



TRYING IT OUT—These are some of the 200 men of the Canadian Army who are testing new equipment in the region north of Edmonton, Alberta. They will try out material to be used in the forthcoming combined U.S.-Canadian "Exercise Sweetbriar" in the Yukon and Alaska along the Alaska Highway.



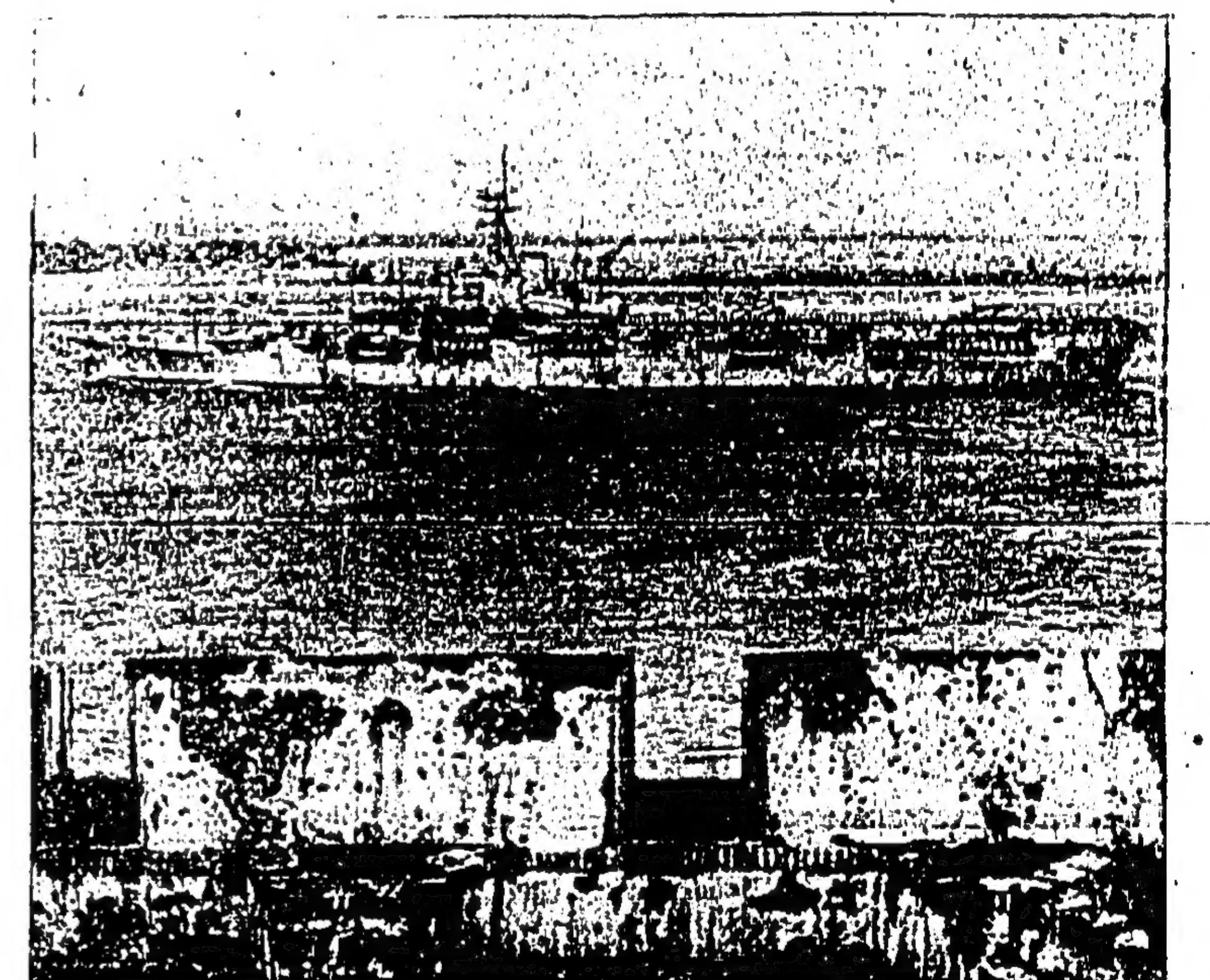
RED OFFERING—Igor Neudachin, of Moscow, holds strawberries for Sofu Norrgren, of Stockholm, as, with students from all of Europe, they work in a jam factory at Wisbech, England.



SOME DISH—Down at Las Vegas, Nevada, the citizens decided to do something about warming up the scenery. They dubbed Hazel Nilsen "Miss Wintertime," and that helped a lot.



OFF TO EUROPE—Pianist Jose Iturbi boards a plane at New York's LaGuardia Airport for a concert tour of Europe. He will visit his old home in Valencia, Spain, and play there.



VISITING PRINCE—The Dutch aircraft carrier Karel Doorman, with Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands aboard, passes an old fort (foreground) as it enters the harbour at San Juan, Puerto Rico.



TAKING IT EASY—Actress Joan Blondell, her husband, producer Michael Todd, and their children relax at Miami Beach, Florida. Left to right are Michael Todd, Jr., 20; Norman Powell, 15; Ellen Powell, 11; Miss Blondell and Mr. Todd. The youngsters are offspring of the couple's former marriages. Ellen is the daughter of actor Dick Powell who also adopted Norman. Miss Blondell's son by an earlier marriage.

K. O. CANNON The Riddle of the Red Domino



DRASTIC 'PURGE' DRIVE IN EAST GERMANY

Soviet Act Of Aggression

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Washington Post said editorially today that Soviet recognition of the "rebel regime" of Indo-China was an "act of aggression against France". It advised the Western powers to delay economic and military aid to Bao Dai's Vietnamese government until it was seen whether Russia would succeed in persuading the Chinese Communists to intervene.—United Press.

FORCING BACK IRON CURTAIN

Atlanta, Georgia, Feb. 9.—General Lucius Clay, former U.S. occupation commander in Germany, told a press conference today that Western Germany was becoming strengthened by the Russian "pull back the Iron Curtain". Successful prosecution of the cold war, he said, depended on the United States continuing its present policy of help abroad and preparation at home. General Clay said he added that the United States was already doing this.

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FRANKFURT TRAGEDY

Frankfurt, Feb. 9.—Private Joseph W. Bailey, 19, of Saris, Georgia, was charged today with the murder of a German University student.

A U.S. Army Staff Judge Advocate said that Bailey had admitted "killing" a 22-year-old German student, Eberhardt Greifenhagen, with his knife after the German had attacked him from the rear. The fight occurred after a young German woman had asked Greifenhagen to protect her from the soldier's annoyance. The Army announced that Bailey would be tried by an Army court martial.

Three thousand students of

Hundreds Fly To West For Safety

Berlin, Feb. 9.—Twelve more "middle class" party men today fell victims to East German purges which have sent over 300 refugees slipping through the Berlin gateway.

More prominent politicians are expected to join the rising tide of refugees when the Communist-directed big guns, hitherto generally aimed at the Christian Democrats, are turned on the Liberal Democratic Party.

Western observers are predicting this development at any moment. Party chiefs in Soviet-occupied Germany, with a new Ministry of Security now getting into its stride, are expected to press on with the purges until all the leading figures of known independent outlook are shifted from responsible posts.

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A Glimpse Of Rio



At the Anglo-Brazilian Society ball at the Dorchester Hotel, London, models demonstrated English clothes during a half-hour glimpse of Rio in mid-summer. In the background Barbara Golan wears an unusual evening helmet of white feathers. (Express photo).

No Clues To Mao's Problems

Moscow, Feb. 9.—Today (Thursday) completed eight weeks since the arrival of the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, and his delegation, later supplemented by Chou En-lai and representatives of the Northeast and Sinkiang governments.

Nothing official regarding the progress of negotiations has been published. Meanwhile, the best informed Western diplomatic circles, who presumably know as much about Soviet-Chinese relations as any so-called specialists abroad, discount various Hongkong, Paris and Washington reports claiming intimate knowledge of Mao Tse-tung's negotiations.

One of the most competent Western observers here with much previous experience in the Far East said one can safely disregard foreign reports based on alleged leakages.

In the sole statement Mao Tse-tung released here in a Tass interview published on January 2, he said he would require several weeks longer depending upon the time required to solve various questions under consideration. He mentioned the existing pact on the front, the alliance concluded in 1945, Soviet credits for China, and a trade agreement.

'MIRACLE' UPSETS CZECH REDS

Cihost, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 9.—A wooden cross which allegedly "moved" in a small village church here, then "leaned toward the West," provided the Communist government with a headache today.

Even loyal Communists in this village, which is known locally as the "last stop to nowhere," swore they saw the wooden cross "move" when the village priest, Father Josef Toufar, said: "He will help us who is among us in the tabernacle," and gestured toward the cross.

The first manifestation, it is said, came on December 11, then occurred again on Christmas Day and again on January 8. Hundreds of the faithful began to flock to the village to see the cross move.

Its fame spread until a Communist commission came to investigate and try to prove that the moving cross was just a stunt. Their first move was to remove the priest and the Church warden for questioning. Four days later the church was locked.

However, this was only one of several such "miracles" reported within the past few weeks. Villagers 150 miles from Cihost, near the American zone of Germany, said a vision of the Virgin Mary waving an American flag, with tanks of the American army in the background, appeared in the sky. In Western Bohemia, another report said a group of Communist sympathizers in a bus plainly saw an image of the Virgin Mary. The driver, a confirmed Communist, faintly, the report said, and was taken to hospital where he has remained for the past six weeks.

The Communist press, meanwhile, has launched an all-out campaign to convince the people that the miracles were just tricks of the imagination. It has published a list of 100 "miracles" which it claims have happened since the Communist takeover in 1945.

Another remarkable thing is that she never reacts in the way one would expect. When at last she got back to England, after France, after Russia, when she got back at last, he was met by the War Office. She arrived in her prison clothes, her hair straggling, but she was when she was rescued. The doctor, who was one of those old, precise, anti-20th-century men, and he hardly gave her a second glance. "I hear you have been a prisoner of war," he remarked mildly. "How very tiresome for a woman."

I am sure my mouth dropped open," says Odette. "After all I'd been through, to say 'how very tiresome'. And suddenly I thought, you darling little man, I could hug you. What an understatement—it couldn't happen anywhere but England—I really am home at last."

The last I saw of Odette — she stood in the light from the neat little hall of her neat little house — a pallid, elegant figure, known as Lisa, Secret Agent, as Odette, G.C., and now Mrs. Peter Churchill, housewife and mother, of Notting Hill Gate, W.

(London Express Service)

Municipal Building Razed By Fire

Cuenca, Southern Italy, Feb. 9.—Fire tonight completely destroyed the Municipal building in the centre of the nearby town of Santa Caterina Albanese.

Firemen called in from all over the neighbourhood gave up a daylong fight with the flames when the centre structure of the building collapsed. The police said that they suspected arsonism. Reuter.



Actress Patricia Medina found the Russian sentry cold as the weather when with a party she visited the Soviet war memorial in Berlin. When they tried to pose beside him he told them, in Russian idiom, to "scram." (Express photo).

Small Change Famine Hits Manila

Manila, Feb. 10.—The Philippines was suffering from an annoying shortage of small change today.

It was an artificial shortage caused by hoarding of silver coins of the 10, 20 and 50-centavo denominations.

Hoarding apparently was the result of a plot to ship coins outside the country to use their silver content elsewhere, or in some cases.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6, "Hong Kong Calling" — Programme Summary: 6.02, Children's Half Hour—The Story of Robin Hood—A Play by Max Kester (Part 3) (BBC); 6.30, Cantonese by Radio—Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and Mr. S. K. Lee (Studio); 6.50, Carmen Cavallaro (Piano) and His Orchestra; 7, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, "Election Talk"—No. 5, The Right Honorable Florence Horsburgh speaks on behalf of the Conservative Party; 7.45, Studio Concert by Wang Lian San (Cello) with Piano Accompaniment by Betty Brown (Studio); 8, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, "Music for Dancing"—Down Honorable Way; Ray Kinney and His Hawaiian Mobili Ambassadors; 8.30, "Music Lovers Hour"—Classical and Light Classical Programme presented by Yvonne C. Variety (Studio); 9.30, "I Haven't a Clue"—A Comedy Thriller by Jack White. (Episode 7) "The Doctor Trumps an Ace" (BBC); 10, Radio Newsworld (Studio); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.30, "The Composer of the Week"—Manuel de Falla; 10.30, Salon Concert Players; 10.45, "Band Call"—BBC Variety Orchestra (BBC); 11.15, Weather Report, World News, and Home News from Britain (London Relay Recorded); God Save the King; 11.30, Close Down.

Overshoots Runway

Vancouver, British Columbia, Feb. 9.—The Canadian Pacific Airlines said that its four-engined Empress of Vancouver was damaged on Thursday when it overshot the airport while landing at Tokyo. It said none of its nine Chinese passengers and six-man crew were hurt. The plane was en route to Vancouver from Hongkong.—United Press.

Freak Weather Hits Israel Hard

Tel Aviv, Feb. 9.—The freak snowstorm and cold wave, which hit all Israel and other Middle Eastern countries appeared to have ended today, leaving in its wake damage to crops running into millions of dollars.

Bright sunshine melted the snow in all the low-lying districts, but a white blanket still clung to the hills in the Jerusalem area and Upper Galilee. Transport and communication systems returned to normal.

Work in Haifa and Tel Aviv ports was resumed after a 18-hour halt caused by the heavy snow and the cold. Empress of Israel, a loaded passenger liner after long delays, resumed full schedules. Schools reopened and government offices resumed full schedules.

The storm, which hit the Jordan Valley, had been forecast for a week. It was the heaviest snowstorm in the area since 1945. Damage to the banana crop alone is estimated at \$500,000.

Elsewhere throughout Israel, crops and other citrus groves were hard hit. The damage, including hundreds of thousands of dollars of loss.

In the Tiberias district, several trees were crushed by the weight of the remaining banana crop in orchards and parks.

Snowstorms still raged during the night at Tiberias. Snow fell on the shores of the Dead Sea 1,400 feet below sea level, on Tuesday for the first time in modern history. King Abdullah

Pope Seeking Inter-Church Collaboration

Vatican City, Feb. 9.—The Pope is expected to issue this month an important document opening the way for closer collaboration between the Catholic Church and other Christian churches, it was learned here today.

It is understood that this document will take the form of new instructions to Catholic Bishops on the attitude to be taken towards collaboration with other Christian communities on social and moral problems.

It is believed here that the document will authorize the holding of conferences between Catholic and Protestant churchmen and lay leaders to clear the ground of misunderstandings and pave the way, not to unity but rather to unified action on the outstanding problems that face Christianity today.

It is pointed out here that a wide degree of co-operation with other Christian communities has been permitted in recent years by the Church, particularly in Germany. The new Holy Office document is expected to establish exactly to what extent and on what lines this collaboration can be developed.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It would be a dainty gift for my husband to give me all right, but you don't know how clumsy he is with the dishes!"

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